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SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" இந்த இண்டஸ்டிரியல் டிரிபுனல் தீர்ப்பு கூறுவதற்கு எவ்வளவு கால தாமதம் ஏறபட்டது என்பதுபற்றி காரணங்களுடன் கனம் மந்திரி எடுத்துச் சொன்னார்கள். அந்த தீப்பு வந்தும்கூட அதை அமுலுக்குக் கொண்டுவராதது பற்றி சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது தகவல் கொடுக்க முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, we have already advised the workers to file their claims and incidentally, I gave the information that this Press has gone into liquidation."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, may I know who the Managing Director of that Liberator Press was, when the dispute arose and is it not a fact that the press was stopped due to the strike of the workers and that it did not go into voluntary liquidation? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no information, Sir, as to who the proprietor was. I thank the hon. Member for the information as to why it was closed."

Evasion of the provisions of the Factories Act by beedi manufacturers.

* 267 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what measures the Government have taken to prevent beedi manufacturers from opening branches in some other's name to evade the provisions of the Factories Act?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is not possible for the Government to prevent beedi manufacturers from dispersing the workers with a view to evade the Factories Act."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in order to make the beedi industry an organized industry, will the Government consider whenever they issue licences to factory owners whether the factory owners are prepared to employ 10 workers or more, excepting individual workers who want to earn their livelihood, so that Government can enforce the Factory Act effectively? May I know whether the Government is prepared to adopt this procedure to make the industry an organized one on a factory basis? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the question was so long that by the time the hon. Member came to the end of it, I had already forgotten the earlier part."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has put a number of questions. The hon. Member will please repeat his question."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are prepared, before issuing licences to persons who want to run a factory, to make a condition that such persons should appoint 10 or more workers and thus will Government put the industry on a factory basis? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, if I understand the hon. Member correctly, my own fear is that we cannot compel any owner to start a factory. If we can, then we can impose conditions. The difficulty arises when an owner who does not want to start a factory, tries making beedies in some other place which will not come under the provisions of the Factory Act or the purview of the Factory Inspector."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question is whether the Government will consider the suggestion that licences in respect of manufacture of beedis should be issued only to those employers who undertake to employ ten or more workers, so that the concern may come under the Factories Act."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, at the present moment what the hon. Member suggests is not possible. But in a conference which I called two or three times, I put it to the labourers as well as factory owners whether two assurances will be given by them : Firstly, not to employ children and secondly not to impose the necessity of working for more than eight hours. Obviously, the managements were not in favour of this eight-hour condition being insisted upon and the labour leaders were not agreeable to make the workers work more than eight hours. Therefore, it failed."

The Indo-Ceylon Agreement.

* 268 Q.—SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras were consulted by the Government of India about the terms and clauses of the Indo-Ceylon Agreement regarding Indians in Ceylon reached on 18th January 1954 between the Prime Ministers of India and Ceylon and ratified on 13th February 1954 by the Government of India and the Government of Ceylon; and

(*b*) if so, the opinions given by this Government in matters so consulted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*) the question does not arise."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the feelings and the concern of the people of South India, particularly the people of this State, were expressed by the resolution unanimously adopted by this House, did not the Government think it fit and necessary to impress upon the Government of India the need for consulting them in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the advice of the Government and also the feelings of the people in South India